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Rear Admiral Elaine C. Wagner Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Virginia 620 John Paul Jones Circle Portsmouth, VA 23708-2197

Dear Rear Admiral Wagner:

As you may be aware, last December serious complaints of mold in military housing operated by Lincoln Military Housing received the attention of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic. Since that time, the Navy and Lincoln embarked on a plan of action to resolve and prevent recurrence of the mold and other maintenance issues.

Today, I spoke with affected families for an update on their situation. I was deeply concerned with their accounts, especially regarding possible health issues that may have been caused by living in homes with mold. I request the senior medical leadership to proactively engage with these families to determine if there is a link between occupancy in these homes and related health issues. Each family should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine the validity of their concerns. It is a moral obligation to take the necessary steps to ensure the families of our men and women in uniform live in a safe and comfortable environment.

I appreciate your consideration of my request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Scott Rigell

Member of Congress

cc: Rear Admiral Tim Alexander

Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic